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1 **NOTICE OF APPEAL** 2 Plaintiff Blacksmith OTR, LLC gives notice that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 3 §1291, it appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit the 4 Third Amended Judgment entered June 1, 2023, ECF No. 893, specifically certain 5 rulings and findings associated with, related to, supportive of, subsumed within, or 6 necessary to said Judgment, including without limitation the Order Granting 7 Defendants' Motion for Execution of Order 879 and Disbursement of the Bond, ECF 8 No. 891, Order Granting in Part Plaintiffs' Rule 59 Motion to Amend Judgment, 9 ECF No. 892, and SEALED Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part 10 Defendants' Renewed Motion for Recovery of Cash Bond, ECF No. 879. 11 The Plaintiffs' Representation Statement is attached to this Notice, as 12 required by Ninth Circuit Rule 3-2(b). 13 14 15 Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of June, 2023. 16 s/Robert J. Carlson 17 Robert J. Carlson, WSBA#18455 Lee & Hayes, P.C. One Convention Place 18 701 Pike Street, Ste. 1600 19 Seattle, WA 98101 Phone: (206) 315-4001 20 Fax (206) 315-4004 bob@leehayes.com Email: 21 Rhett V. Barney, WSBA #44764 22 Lee & Hayes, P.C. 601 W. Riverside Avenue, Suite 1400 23 Spokane, WA 99201 24 Phone: (509) 324-9256 Fax: (509) 323-8979 Emails: rhettb@leehayes.com 25

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Defendants - Appellees

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APPELLANT BLACKSMITH OTR, LLC'S REPRESENTATION STATEMENT

Pursuant to Ninth Circuit Rule 3-2(b), Appellant Blacksmith OTR, LLC identifies the following parties to this action and their counsel of record in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington.

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